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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SENGHOR'S VIEWS ON PORTUGUESE COLONIAL ISSUES

REF: A. DAKAR 02940 B. STATE 117146

SUMMARY: SENGHOR CALLS FOR US SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE
EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH PAIGC: CLAIMS SOARES
SAYS CAPE VERDE ISLANDS VITAL TO NATO; BELIEVES MODERATES
WILL BE ACTIVE AT MOGADISCIO; AND ASKS US PRESSURES ON
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SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. END SUMMARY.

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1. SENGHOR TOOK INITIATIVE DURING OUR 40-MINUTE CONVERSATION BY INDICATING HE WOULD HAVE CONVOKED ME HAD I NOT ALREADY REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE. WHENEVER HE TALKED WITH THE COMMUNISTS HE LIKED TO MAKE CERTAIN THEREAFTER THAT HIS MOTIVES WERE NOT MISUNDERSTOOD BY HIS AMERICAN FRIENDS. HE HAD BEEN EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED THROUGHOUT HIS ASIAN JOURNEY LAST MONTH. THERE WERE SOME THINGS HE FOUND INTERESTING IN EACH COUNTRY HE VISITED: PRC, NORTH VIETNAM, INDIA, BANGLADESH, BUT HE WAS DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST, WITH EMPHASIS ON DEMOCRATIC. COMMUNIST SYSTEMS NOT FOR HIM OR FOR SENEGAL.

2. SENGHOR NOTED HIS SEVERAL RECENT CONTACTS WITH PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES. HE SAID SOARES TOLD HIM IN PARIS SPINOLA REGIME FEARED USG HAD SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. SENGHOR FELT USG SHOULD ACTIVELY SUPPORT PORTUGUESE EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH PAIGC AND TO SEPARATE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS ISSUE FROM THAT OF GUINEA-BISSAU. SENEGAL AND MOROCCO WERE QUIETLY SUPPORTING THIS POSITION AND WERE LOBBYING FOR RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND CERTAIN AFRICAN STATES. ALGERIA WAS MOST DIFFICULT INFLUENCE ON PAIGC, BUT GOA POSITION MIGHT SOFTEN IF FACED WITH AFRICAN CONSENSUS. SENGHOR PLANNED TO SEND MINISTER OF CULTURE ALIOUNE SENE AS SPECIAL ENVOY TO ALGERIANS.

3. I TOLD SENGALESE PRESIDENT HIS REMARKS WERE RELATED TO MY INSTRUCTIONS AND THEN PRESENTED US POSITIONS REQUESTED REFTEL A, AS AUTHORIZED REFTEL B. SENGHOR SAID HE FELT SENEGAL, US, AND PORTUGAL HAD MUTUAL INTERESTS IN FACILITATING INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU, MOZAMBIQUE, AND ANGOLA. IN FIRST PLACE, SOVIETS WERE BUILDING BASE ON TAMARA ISLAND NEAR CONAKRY. THIS DID NOT SERVE INTERESTS OF PORTUGAL, US, OR SENEGAL. CAPE VERDES, SOARES HAD TOLD HIM, WERE VITAL TO PORTUGAL, AND BY EXTENSION TO NATO, INCLUDING US. THIS IMPORTANCE HEIGHTENED BY GROWING SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN AREA. IN ANY EVENT, SOARES, SENGALESE, AND PAIGC FOR MOMENT, CONFIDENTIAL

AGREED THAT GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE ISLANDS ISSUES SHOULD BE HANDLED SEPARATELY.

4. WITH REGARD TO NEED FOR REASON TO PREVAIL AT MOGADISCIO OAU SUMMIT, SENGHOR SAID LESS RADICAL STATES HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING SEKOU TOURE CARRY THE DAY. THE SOONER PAIGC MOVED TO BISSAU, THE BETTER IT WOULD BE FOR ALL AFRICA (READ PARTICULARLY SENEGAL). HE

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RECOGNIZED NEED TO TRY TO AVOID FOR NEW REPUBLICS
SUCH CHAOTIC BEGINNINGS AS THAT OF CONGO-LEOPOLDVILLE.

5. SENGHOR SAID PORTUGAL'S FRIENDS, SUCH AS US, COULD
COUNT ON SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES TO WORK FOR REASONABLE
PROCESS OF LIBERATION, BUT BEST WAY US COULD GUARANTEE
PEACEFUL PROCESS WOULD BE TO PUT PRESSURE ON SOUTH
AFRICA AND RHODESIA TO ASSURE THAT THEY DID NOT SABOTAGE
SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. I
SAID AFRICAN STATES TENDED TO OVERESTIMATE USG'S
INFLUENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA. AS FOR RHODESIA, WE DO NOT
RECOGNIZE SMITH REGIME AND HAVE EVEN LESS LEVERAGE
THERE. HOWEVER, I PROMISED TO REPORT HIS SUGGESTION
TO WASHINGTON.

6. COMMENT: SENGHOR CLEARLY PREOCCUPIED WITH PORTUGUESE
TERRITORIES ISSUES AND AWARE NEED TO KEEP PARTIES
TALKING. HE PLEASED US APPRECIATED HIS EFFORTS BUT
OBVIOUSLY FELT ACTIVE US INVOLVEMENT IN SUPPORT
CONTINUING PROGRESS TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION COULD
HELP BRING ABOUT CONCRETE RESULTS.
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